

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

28 May 1954

Present

Members:

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[REDACTED] CIA, Chairman
[REDACTED], CIA
Stanley Wilson, State
John Lacey, State
E. J. Gordon, Jr., Army (for Richard Bauer)
Lt. P. B. Shepard, Navy (for Lt. Cdr. G. W. Roberts)
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

Consultants:

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[REDACTED] CIA
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Charles Stanley, State
Thomas W. Fina, State
R. M. Scammon, State
[REDACTED] NSA

1. The 27th meeting convened at 1400 hours and the minutes of the 26th meeting were approved.

2. Abstracting of Russian scientific and technical literature.

FID presented to the members a collation of titles requested by each agency (copy made a part of the Subcommittee's record). Nineteen of the desired titles are not being received and are not available. Of the remainder, 22 titles were requested by only one agency. FID proposed that the remaining 49 titles plus 5 named titles of important publications requested by single requestors be abstracted.

In answer to the Chairman's request for comments on the acceptability of the 54 titles the members responded as follows:

Lt. Shepard: Navy is tentatively agreeable to the 54 selected titles.

Maj. Neumann: Air Force agrees to the 49 but ATIC is now in doubt as to their ability to cover the 30 titles previously contracted for. AID has already started on their 8 titles.

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Five of the 49 titles are covered by commercial services. CIA agrees to the 49 and an additional 5 titles, but would like to see the nine eliminated which are covered commercially.

Mr. Gordon: Army agrees to the 54 titles, but those covered commercially should be cut from the list.

The Chairman stated that on 1 June 1954 FDD will proceed to abstract the 16 titles as previously agreed and the 16 will not include any of the nine covered commercially. FDD will draw up a detailed list of the 54 titles indicating the requesting agencies for each title and the facility providing the abstracts where known.

Regarding distribution, the Chairman asked the members to review their original requests for copies of the abstracts. Navy, Air and Army members agreed to do so and anticipated that there would probably be a reduction in requested number.

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stated that NSA would need five.

Mr. Wilcox stated that State would need five.

3. Italy

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At the request of [redacted] and Mr. Wilcox, the Subcommittee considered at this time the question of a regular index digest of one Italian newspaper (*La Stampa*) as a matter of urgent need to CIA and the State Department. [redacted] presented a study reviewing the problem and stating the expressed needs of OIR/State; ONE and OCI/CIA; G-2, VOA, and others.

Mr. Scammon outlined the urgent need of State Department for the report.

Mr. Gordon stated that he was not prepared to make a statement at this time but believed that Army would be interested if it could be expanded to include military information. Mr. Scammon read a memorandum from G-2 expressing their interest.

Lt. Shepard stated that Navy would like to have a copy of such a report.

Maj. Neumann stated that Air Force would have only a small interest.

The Chairman asked if this request constituted a primary need of State Department for Italian exploitation. Mr. Scammon stated that it was.

The Chairman stated that since CIA, State, and Navy are interested, a definite need is established and FDD should undertake to provide the information. Therefore, FDD will commence 1 June 1954 to produce the index digest.

4. China

Considering FDD's proposal (distributed at 26th meeting) on exploitation of nonscientific Chinese publications in answer to expressed needs, the following comments were made by the members:

Mr. Gordon: The proposal is satisfactory to Army if "monthly collations" is substituted for "periodical compilation" in paragraph 3; and add to paragraph 7 "and other IAC agencies."

Lt. Shepard: Navy concurs in the proposed agreement with the amendments offered by Army.

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 concurred for CIA.

Maj. Neumann stated that Air Force had only a few minor requirements on China with the exception of target information.

Mr. Lacey stated that the draft proposal was not satisfactory to State Department and offered as amendments the following:

- a. Paragraph 1: delete "primary monographic sources" and add "basic intelligence materials."
- b. Paragraph 7: add "The full exploitation on a continuing basis of major policy statements in governmental reports for which accurate and complete translations are not available."

The Chairman stated that the majority of the Subcommittee, having concurred in the proposal, it is now considered as an agreement with Army's amendments and FDD will proceed at once with the program as stated.

FDD will study the workload involved in State Department's suggested amendments and notify Mr. Lacey as soon as possible whether FDD can accept them.

5. The agenda for the next meeting will be the exploitation of East European Satellite publications.

6. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, Friday, 11 June 1954 in Room 2125 M Building.

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